







appliances 110 having a control center 170 and base stations 150 which monitor the status of the appliances 110. The Examiner contends that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine O'Toole and Wood to achieve the claimed invention.

Claims 5, 6, and 8 depend from claim 1, and recite features in addition to those set forth in claim 1. Claims 17, 18, and 20 depend from claim 12, and recite features in addition to those set forth in claim 12. Applicants submit that Koether fails to disclose the features of activating a button and transmitting identifier information demonstrated to be missing from O'Toole, as discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 12. Therefore, the combination of O'Toole and Koether fail to disclose each and every feature in claims 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, and 20.

Thus, Applicants submit that claims 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, and 20 are patentable over the combination of O'Toole and Koether. Applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to meet the burden of establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness over claims 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, and 20. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

